



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: June W. Catalano, City Manager
DATE: August 9, 2012
SUBJECT: **WEEKLY UPDATES**

GENERAL UPDATE

- American Iron Cars – The American Iron Car Show is back! The Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District's 11th annual show will be held this Sunday, August 12th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Downtown Pleasant Hill. Pre-1980's American cars will be on display and competing for awards, such as best paint, interior, decade and engine. Admission is free for spectators. Contact Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District at (925) 682-0896 for more information.

PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Division

Pleasant Hill Recreation and District

- Community Center (320 Civic Drive) – A permit has been issued to construct the Recreation and Park District's new Community Center. The building will be one story with 21,990 square feet of space.
- Senior Center (233 Gregory Lane) – The Senior Center drywall and T-bar ceiling has been completed, and the interior painting is in progress.
- Teen Center (147 Gregory Lane) – The Teen Center electrical is in place; bathrooms are tiled and waiting for installation of the stalls; the facility has been painted; and finishing touches are underway. The Teen Center is very close to occupancy.

Engineering Division

- Golf Club Road Bridge Replacement – Water Main Relocation – Phase 1 of the Golf Club Road Bridge Replacement project requires Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) to first relocate their 24-inch water main line. CCWD’s contractor started construction of Phase I this week, and signage and secure fencing is in place. In order to trench and install the pipe underneath Grayson Creek, it must first be de-watered and stream flows be maintained during construction. In order to accomplish this, it is necessary to operate a pump system 24 hours a day to move stream flows around the work area. These pumps will be screened to minimize impacts to aquatic species, and the generator used to run the pumps will be fully contained to reduce noise. It is anticipated construction of this phase of work will be completed by October 1st. Traffic control (lane closure) on Golf Club Road is not anticipated at this time. However, pedestrians will be required to cross the bridge on the north side during construction.
- Recreation and Park District’s New Senior Center – Off-site improvements for the new Senior Center at the intersection of Moiso Lane and Gregory Lane are scheduled to begin next week. Work includes demolition of the existing ramps and construction of new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps. Traffic control and pedestrian detours will be required during the week.
- PG&E Gas Transmission Pipeline Survey – The Engineering Division has issued an encroachment permit to PG&E for a survey of the integrity of their gas transmission pipeline along Oak Park Boulevard, Pleasant View Drive, Patterson Boulevard and Masfield Drive. This survey will assess the corrosion protection of their pipeline. The work includes drilling half-inch diameter holes through the thickness of the asphalt or concrete to reach the soil or base rock surface. A probe is placed in contact with the ground surface and a reading of the corrosion protection on the pipe is taken. There is no excavation required. All property owners within 300 feet of the work have been notified by flyer of the work.
- Encroachment Permits Underway

PG&E – Repair gas service at 101 Gregory Lane

Advanced Trenchless – Repair sewer lateral at 2096 Ahneita Drive

Maintenance Division

- Department of Agriculture – Staff received a surprise field inspection by a Department of Agriculture inspector while they were in the process of spraying for weed control. This is a random spot inspection to ensure proper personal protective equipment is in place; spray equipment is working properly and labeled correctly; and appropriate paper

work and emergency information are properly displayed. Staff was given a 100% compliance rating.

- Civicorps – Staff welcomes the help of the Civicorps (formerly the East Bay Conservation Corps) with the annual creek and drainage system clean up. Staff has started clearing yards of silt and debris that has accumulated in the drainage swales throughout the City.

Planning Division

- **Planning Commission**

No meeting scheduled.

- **Zoning Administrator**

No meeting scheduled.

- **Architectural Review Commission**

No meeting scheduled.

- **Code Compliance**

The Code Enforcement Officer was on vacation this week.

- **Miscellaneous**

703 Contra Costa Boulevard – An architectural review application was submitted this week to convert the existing tenant space occupied by CVS Drugs to a Nordstrom Rack. This application is scheduled for review by the Architectural Review Commission at a special meeting on August 30th. The project includes façade improvements, signage, and minor landscape and parking lot improvements. Nordstrom Rack hopes to open this new store next Spring.

Gregory Lane at Pleasant Hill Road – Planning and Economic Development staff met with the owner of a commercial property at the corner of Gregory Lane and Pleasant Hill Road to discuss participation as a pilot project in the City’s new façade improvement program. Staff will be working together with the property owner and tenants of the building to attempt to create a plan to enhance the site in an economically affordable manner. The property owner is considering an initial conceptual proposal prepared by SZFM Design Studio. Discussions are expected to continue in the coming weeks.